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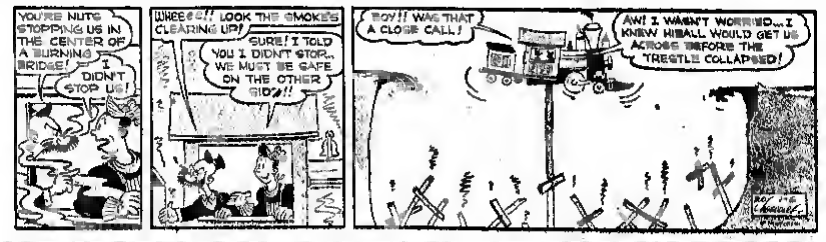
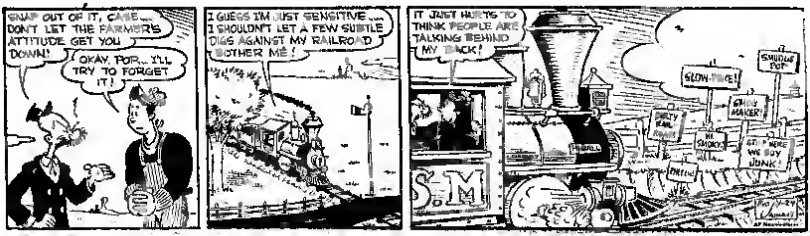
GOSH, CASE — THAT MUST BE A BIG FIRE AHEAD... I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH THICK SMOKE!
YEAH — I CAN HARDLY SEE THE TRACK!
COUGH!! I HOPE IT ISN'T A HOME BURNING!
COUGH! COUGH! ER... I HAVE NEWS FOR YOU CASEY— COUGH!
COUGH! - THAT FIRE IS BURNING THE TRESTLE OVER DEEP DROP CANYON!
GULP! I'VE GOT LATER NEWS FOR YOU POP... WE'RE HEADIN' OUT ONTO THE TRESTLE AND IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP!!


YOU'RE NUTS STOPPING US IN THE CENTER OF A BURNING BRIDGE!
I DIDN'T STOP US!
WHEEE-E!! LOOK THE SMOKE'S CLEARING UP!
SURE! I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T STOP... WE MUST BE SAFE ON THE OTHER SIDE!!
BOY!! WAS THAT A CLOSE CALL!
AW! I WASN'T WORRIED... I KNEW HIBALL WOULD GET US ACROSS BEFORE THE TRESTLE COLLAPSED!

TAKE IT EASY, POP... WE'RE IN NO DANGER!
OH YEAH! TRAIN TRAVEL MAY BE SAFE, BUT THIS IS ASKING TOO MUCH OF STATISTICS!
STOP WORRYING... WE'RE OKAY AS LONG AS WE DON'T MOVE AROUND AND UPSET OUR BALANCE!
WELL, STOP BREATHIN THEN!
YIPE! CASEY!? WE'RE STARTING TO SHAKE!!
WHA... TR...?
DAD-BLAST-IT!! CROAK! DERN STEAM MONSTER WAS SUPPOSED TO CRASH, NOT PERCH UP THAR LIKE A STUPID PELICAN!
CRASH! AIRN'YA!


SNAP OUT OF IT, CARL... DON'T LET THE FARMER'S ATTITUDE GET YOU DOWN!
OKAY, POP... I'LL TRY TO FORGET IT!
I GUESS I'M JUST SENSITIVE... I SHOULDN'T LET A FEW SUBTLE DIGS AGAINST MY RAILROAD BOTHER ME!
IT JUST HURTS TO THINK PEOPLE ARE TALKING BEHIND MY BACK!
S.M.
SLOW-TRACK!
SMUDGE POT
GRADE MAKER!
SMOKE
GET HERE WE SAY
JUNK!

CASEY, THE NEWS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO CHANGE HIS ALL TO ATOMIC POWER IS ALL OVER TOWN!
THAT'S WONDERFUL!
AT LAST I'M GIVING THE PEOPLE THE PROGRESS THEY WANT.... I BET THEIR VOICES QUIVER WITH EMOTION WHEN THEY MENTION MY NAME!
TODAY I AM A HERO!!
CASEY PIKE, BAH!!
GR-R-R-! WE'LL HAVE NO ATOM SPLITTING IN OUR TOWN!
GR-R-R!
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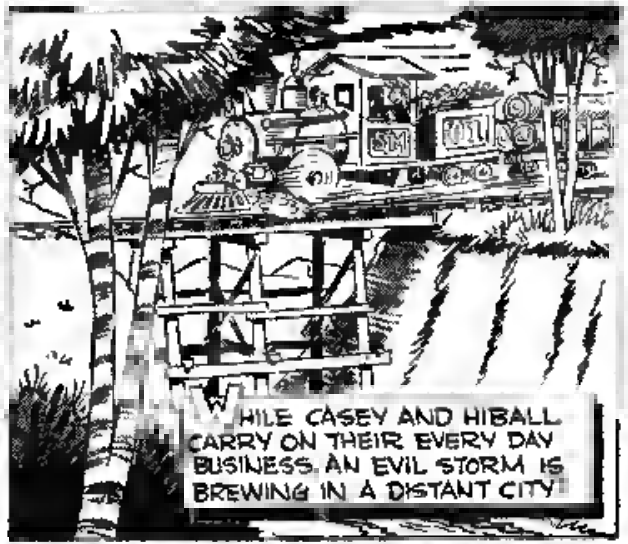

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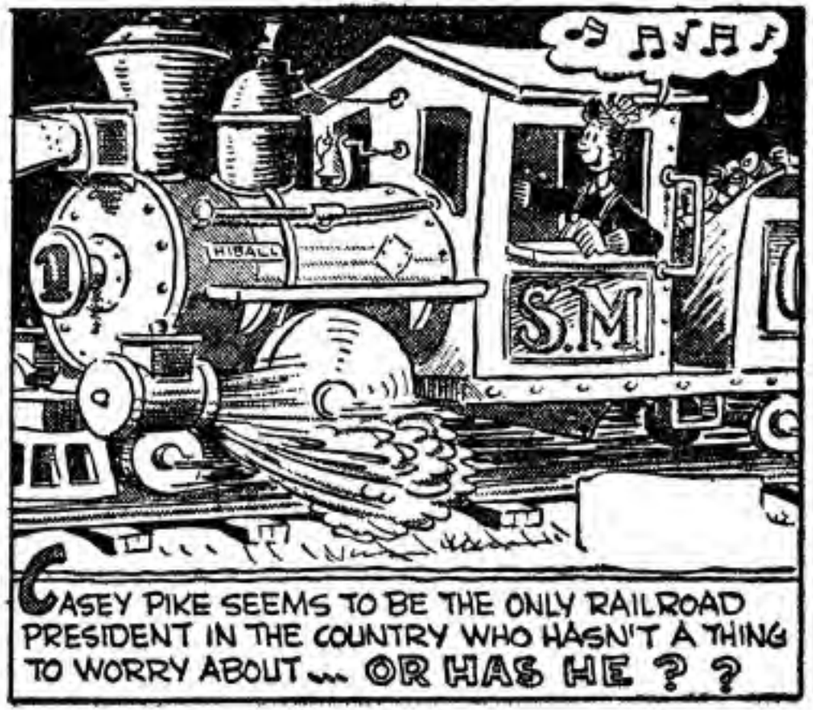

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